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To: All CalPERS Employers

Subject: 2009 CalPERS Retirement Fairs

We are very pleased to announce that once again CalPERS will be hosting retirement planning fairs around the state for your employees and retirees. This year, we are hosting 20 retirement fairs at 17 cities over the next seven months. Several fairs are scheduled on Saturdays to give your employees greater scheduling flexibility.

The 2009 CalPERS Retirement Planning Fairs begin March 14 in San Diego/Del Mar and end with our September 25-26 events in Redding. For the fair nearest you, please see the complete fair schedule at the end of this Circular Letter.

CalPERS members (your employees) who attend the fairs will receive information on CalPERS benefits, programs, and services to help them plan for a financially secure retirement. Retirees receive information about how to better manage their retirement assets.

Each fair will feature more than a dozen information tables on topics such as services provided by CalPERS regional offices, CalPERS health benefits, how service credit affects a member's retirement benefit, CalPERS member home loans and supplemental income plans. Other tables will feature representatives from Social Security, the State Savings Plus Program, the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS), and various public employee and public retiree organizations.

In addition, each fair will feature regularly scheduled workshops that will be repeated throughout the day on CalPERS benefit basics, CalPERS health benefits, retirement service credit, Social Security, and the State Savings Plus Program. Workshop seating is available on a first-come-first-served basis. Upon arriving at the fair, please come by the registration table for further details.

Early planning can make a big difference in a worker's future retirement security. We encourage you to help us promote the retirement fairs using the package of flyers and posters you have recently received.

Please display the posters and flyers in areas of the workplace where your employees are likely to see them. We also encourage you to make copies of the flyer for distribution to your employees.

The complete schedule for the 2009 CalPERS Retirement Planning Fairs is as follows:

March 14, Saturday San Diego/Del Mar

San Diego/Del Mar Hilton 15575 Jimmy Durante Blvd 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

March 18, Wednesday Ontario

Ontario Convention Center 2000 E. Convention Center Way 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

March 27, Friday Los Angeles

Los Angeles Convention Center 1201 South Figueroa Street 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

March 28, Saturday Los Angeles

Los Angeles Convention Center 1201 South Figueroa Street 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

April 7, Tuesday Irvine

Hyatt Regency Irvine 17900 Jamboree Road 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

April 28, Tuesday San Luis Obispo

Embassy Suites 333 Madonna Road 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

May 9, Saturday Visalia

Visalia Convention Center 303 E. Acequia Ave 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

May 21, Thursday Santa Cruz

University Inn 611 Ocean Street 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

May 29, Friday Bishop

Cerro Coso Community College 4090 West Line Street 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

June 10, Wednesday Turlock

CSU Stanislaus – Bizzini Hall One University Circle 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

June 16, Tuesday Santa Clara

Santa Clara Convention Center 5001 Great America Parkway 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

June 24, Wednesday South San Francisco

South San Francisco Conference Center 255 South Airport Blvd 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 8, Wednesday Concord

Hilton Concord Hotel 1970 Diamond Blvd 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 24, Friday Sacramento

Sacramento Convention Center 1400 J Street 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. July 25, Saturday Sacramento

Sacramento Convention Center 1400 J Street 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

July 30, Thursday San Rafael

Four Points by Sheraton 1010 Northgate Drive 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

August 13, Thursday Kelseyville

Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa 8727 Soda Bay Road 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. September 17, Thursday Kings Beach

North Tahoe Conference Center 8318 North Lake Blvd 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

September 25, Friday Redding

Red Lion Hotel 1830 Hilltop Drive 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

September 26, Saturday Redding

Red Lion Hotel 1830 Hilltop Drive 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

You and your employees can find more detailed information about the 2009 CalPERS Retirement Planning Fairs – including maps, driving directions, and workshop schedules for all events – on the CalPERS Web site at www.calpers.ca.gov. Please encourage your employees to pre-register for a Retirement Planning Fair event at the CalPERS Education Center in the my|CalPERS section of the site.

We look forward to seeing you and your employees at a CalPERS Retirement Planning Fair!

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